

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/696,080 Confirmation No. 5934  
Applicant : Gerard Matern et al.  
Filed : October 29, 2003  
Title : SWITCHING APPARATUS  
TC/Art Unit : 3682  
Examiner : Justin Mitchell Krause  
Attorney Docket No. : LGPL-110510  
Customer No. : 05251

**VIA EFS – December 19, 2007**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

**PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

It is hereby requested that the time period for responding to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 22, 2007, be extended for one month or until December 22, 2007. Enclosed is the Petition fee of \$120. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that are required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

**RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION**

This is in response to the final action of August 22, 2007.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.